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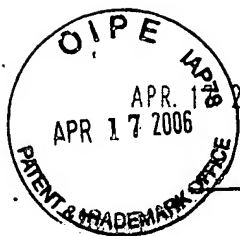
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Application No.: 10/726,438

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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Dear Sir:

The issue fee in the above-identified patent application was paid on March 17, 2006. The reference listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 become known to Applicant after payment of the issue fee. This reference is an examination report dated March 15, 2006 from related European Patent Application No. 04255610.0. Under his duty of disclosure, Applicant hereby submits a copy of the cited reference. Although it is discretionary at this point, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider this reference and make this reference of official record in this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that this reference indeed constitutes prior art.

If it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. GENSP015).

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CONFIRMATION OF
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Dear Jan

Re: European Patent Application No. 04255610.0
Genesis Microchip Inc.
Using Packet Transfer For Driving LCD Panel Driver Electronics

I write further to my letter of 19 December 2005 to report that we have now received the first examination report for this application. A copy of the examination report is enclosed. The deadline for filing a response is 28 June 2006. A two month extension is available on request if required.

I have only briefly reviewed the examination report at this stage since you may already be familiar with the content of the documents cited by the examiner from prosecution of corresponding applications in the US and other countries. However, I note that the examiner has objected that the claims lack novelty over D1 (US-A-2003/063077, Koyama). The examiner has also objected that certain parts of claims 1, 3, 6, 11, 17 and 18 are not clear.

It seems that the objections to the novelty of the claims are related to the clarity objections. In particular, the examiner appears to have ignored any reference to "packets" in claim 1 when analysing the novelty of the claim because the examiner has interpreted a "packet" to include a pixel element in its broadest interpretation. It seems that the description of D1 which the examiner relies on in the arguments against the novelty of the claims is not specifically referring to a packet based interface, instead it appears to discuss a line based interface which is acknowledged as prior art in the present application.

It therefore seems that addressing the clarity objections may also overcome the novelty objections. For each clarity objection, the examiner has indicated what terms he considers should be defined in the claims to overcome the objection. We do not have to accept the examiner's suggestion, it is possible to argue against the objections if you believe the term is clear. As I understand it, it seems that the examiner's interpretation in sections 2.1 and 2.2 is reasonable. In section 2.3, the examiner objects that the use of "providing... data packets directly to the column driver" is unclear because it is not clear where they are sent directly

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from. As I understand it, this is referring to the fact that the packets are provided without additional processing, for example a display controller does not interpret the packet and then drive individual lines in the same way as the prior art. The examiner believes that the use of "directly" does not allow the packets to be provided from a memory and therefore that claim 3 contradicts the subject matter of claim 1.

The clarity objections in section 2.4 and 2.5 are minor and I can respond to these objections without your further detailed instructions.

The "further remarks" set out in section 6 of the examination report relate to standard matters of practice before the European Patent Office and I can address these without your further detailed instructions.

I would be happy to review the objections in detail and advise on the options for response if you wish. Please let me know if you would like me to do so.

I look forward to receiving your instructions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Laurence Brown

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